

New Beginnings Disciplinary Alternative Education Program



Frances Slocum Elementary School is Making it Happen!



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Our location

MCS is an urban school system of about 3,800 students in the city of Marion, population about 30,000.

Our demographics

About 350 students: 41.9% white; 30.1% black; 15.6% Hispanic; 12.4% multiracial

88.5% free meals; 2.1% reduced

The Frances Slocum Family



Frances Slocum Elementary students enjoy Field Day activities.

For more information about the program, our school or corporation, email Principal Anne Liddick, aliddick@marion.k12.in.us, or Assistant Principal Nate Miley, nmiley@marion.k12.in.us, or visit our website: www.marion.k12.in.us

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

We implemented the MCS New Beginnings Disciplinary Alternative Education Program after the success seen within our district, at Allen Elementary School (where the program was the first of its kind in the state). This progressive program addresses the behavioral needs of students in a transformational way.

New Beginnings is not an in-school suspension program. It is a multi-faceted and multi-tiered approach to responding to and improving student behavior. Students work one-on-one with behavioral interventionists to address not only behavioral needs but academic needs as well.

Though traditional disciplinary methods such as out-of-school suspension are still on the table for extreme behaviors, New Beginnings offers an alternative that prioritizes educational and personal growth opportunities.

Since the implementation of this program at Frances Slocum, out-of-school suspensions have dropped dramatically, and students are given the tools and support they need to develop their own self-control and boundaries, so that they can succeed in a school setting.

OUR STEPS

Because of the groundwork laid by Allen Elementary School, we at Frances Slocum were able to take the framework of the New Beginnings program and tailor it to the needs of each student. In some cases, this has meant adding New Beginnings support to the student's general education classroom on a regular basis. We have found that this flexibility in the application of the New Beginnings principles and tools has been key for some of our students.

SHARING OUR SUCCESS

New Beginnings continues to attract attention from across the state, and we have hosted various school corporations that are interested in implementing this transformational behavioral system in their district.

Our TRUE success, though, is the change we see in our students every day!